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SUBJECT:

Uncontested NPDES Permits

REPORT:

Following are the proposed permits. All agencies and the dischargers concur or have offered no comments.

a. **METROPOLITAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, Port of Stockton, San Joaquin County**

The Metropolitan Stevedore Company (Discharger) operates a facility at the Port of Stockton, San Joaquin County. Storm water and non-storm water from the areas where the Discharger conducts its activities discharges either to land, directly to receiving waters, or indirectly to these waters through the storm sewer system owned and operated by the Stockton Port District.

The Regional Board issued an individual NPDES permit (EPA No. CA0084174; Regional Board Order No. 97-217) to the Discharger in October 1997. As with this order, the proposed order includes provisions to authorize storm water discharges associated with activities being conducted by the Discharger. These discharges include runoff from the covered conveyor system, which runs from the bulk storage area to the ship loader, and runoff from the ship loader. Runoff from the conveyor system is collected and directed to land; however, incidental discharges may occur where the conveyor joins the ship loader. The ship loader is covered, but fugitive dust and spills may come in contact with storm water. Discharges from the ship loader go directly to the River or the Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC).

The proposed Order authorizes de minimus discharges of bulk material directly to the River and the DWSC provided the Discharger addresses the loading and unloading activities in its facility's SWPPP, and implements appropriate BMPs to ensure that water quality criteria are not impacted, or threatened. (BLS)

b. **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA 31, FLAG CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, San Joaquin County**

The County Service Area (CSA) 31 provides collection, treatment, and disposal of domestic wastewater for the Flag City commercial development. On 25 April 2003, the Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0061, NPDES No. CA0082848, prescribing waste discharge requirements for surface water discharges from this facility. The Order requires tertiary level effluent limits and new full time facility monitoring. Resolution No. R5-2004-0126 granted the CSA an extension of the final compliance dates from 1 May 2004 to 1 November 2005. On 2 March 2004, the CSA made a second request to extend these compliance dates to 1 January 2008. The CSA cites that the tertiary and continuous remote monitoring upgrades require more effort and expense than was anticipated. Extension of the compliance date for remote monitoring is not acceptable because it threatens water quality and public health and safety. The time extension requested for tertiary compliance (Provision F.6.) remains within the permit term and it allows the CSA additional time to complete the

tertiary treatment plant modifications or to cease the discharge. (GWL)

c. **ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND
PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, GROUNDWATER
CLEANUP SYSTEM, Tulare County**

Rockwell International Corporation and the Porterville Unified School District (jointly referred to as Discharger) operate a system that discharges up to 0.288 mgd of treated wastewater to the Pioneer Ditch, a tributary to Canal No. 4 operated by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District, and eventually to the North Fork of the Tule River, a water of the United States. The facility has been regulated by WDRs Order No. 96-106 (NPDES No. CA0082708). The Discharger employs a low profile tray design air stripper treatment unit to treat volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in contaminated groundwater underlying the facility. The proposed Order renews the NPDES permit and includes VOC effluent limits that implement best practicable treatment and control. (GEA)

d. **CITY OF ATWATER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY,
Merced County**

The City of Atwater owns and operates a 6.0 mgd municipal WWTF that provides sewerage service to the City (population 23,000), Castle Air Park, and the unincorporated community of Winton (population 11,000). The City contracts with Veolia Water North America Operating Services, Inc. to operate and maintain the WWTF. Discharge is to the Atwater Drain, a water of the United States. The Atwater Drain is a storm drain constructed in the 1920s to serve the City of Atwater. Water in the Drain is used for irrigation by Joseph Gallo Farms (up to 6 mgd). Residual waters are diverted to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service Arena Plains Unit of the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. The proposed Order will renew NPDES Permit No. CA 0079197 and provides a time schedule for the City to upgrade to tertiary treatment to protect water contact recreation and unrestricted agricultural uses of the Drain. The proposed Order also includes new CTR based interim and final effluent limits and time schedules for implementation where appropriate. (DBI)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES permits.

Mgmt Review _____
Legal Review _____

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